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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the cited non-U.S. patent documents are also attached.

For the concise explanation of relevance of non-English documents JP 10-327380 and JP 8-223525, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the respective English abstracts attached thereto.

The concise explanation of relevance of non-English document JP 11-341421 may be found in the English abstract attached thereto, and in English language counterpart U.S. Patent No. 7,193,646 B1.

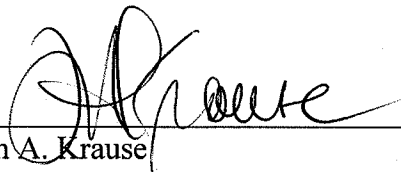
The concise explanation of relevance of non-English document JP 9-50676 may be found in the English abstract attached thereto, and in English language counterpart U.S. Patent No. 5,732,067.

Also, for the concise explanation of relevance of non-English document JP 10-234002, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English abstract attached thereto, and to English language counterpart EP 0 860 829 A2.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner, and that an initialed copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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